Sovereign Grace Church

May 22nd, 2022

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"When Christ, who is our Life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory!"
(Colossians 3:4)

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BELOVED, Christ is with us, furnished, given, and pledged to supply amply and fully all the necessities of His people. *"And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace,"* (John 1:16) that is, grace following grace, grace answering every call for grace, more grace, grace outmeasuring all past supply, all present want, *"exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think?"* (Ephesians 3:20). O blessed truth! in the world's [bankruptcy], the believer has a safe bank; in the world's famine, he has a full granary; in the world's drought, he has springs of water; in the world's heat, he has his pleasant and grateful shade. And all this is concentrated in Christ; for Christ is all [Colossians 3:11]. O favoured saint! to have a full, overflowing, redundant supply, so near; exiled from all other resources, other supports falling, other springs drying, other shades vanishing as in a night, and he, per chance, sitting him down to die in hopeless grief, lo! words fall upon his ear softer, sweeter than angels chimes, "*I am with you alway*; with you in this lone place and at this trying moment, to unseal your eye to the boundless fulness that it pleased the Father should dwell in Me for you, the Father's child, [my babe]" [AMEN!] — OW

WELCOME

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday!
James Richards, June 1st
Marcela Borders, June 5th

RESOURCES

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Freedom To Serve God

"…liberty to enter into the Holy of Holies by the blood of Jesus Christ…" (Hebrews310:19-23)

SALVATION by the grace of God to sinners through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is the only message of the Bible. God has not changed, God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The believer in Christ is free to enter heaven itself before the throne of God through Jesus Christ. *"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;)"* (Hebrews 10:19-23). [AMEN!] Cody Groover

"For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6)

I Need Thee Precious Jesus

"…thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress …" (Isaiah 25:4)

I need Thee, precious JESUS,
For I am very poor;

A stranger and a pilgrim,
I have no earthly store;

I need the love of JESUS
To cheer me on my way,

To guide my doubting footsteps,
To be my strength and stay.

I need Thee, precious JESUS,
I need a friend like Thee,

A friend to soothe and pity,
A friend to care for me:

I need the heart of JESUS
To feel each anxious care,

To tell my every trial,
And all my sorrows share.

—FW

He Is Precious

"Unto you therefore which believe He is precious…"

(1 Peter 2:7)

HOW unspeakably precious is Christ *"set forth as a propitiation for sin"—"who Himself bare our sins in His own body on the tree!" "He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"* [1 John 4:10, 1 Peter 2:24, 2 Corinthians 5:21]. How all that is within me leaps towards such a Redeemer! It is a provision for my forgiveness [for my righteous, for my all] in which both heart and conscience can rest. God is *"a just God, and yet the justifier of the ungodly."* It is not the Divine nature *only* that demands atonement for sin: [but our conscience] our human nature demands it fully as much.

It is therefore for every one of us a practical question, Have we received Christ into our own hearts? Is He practically potent and precious in our daily lives. Does He inspire, and sanctify, and comfort us in daily experiences? Can we say of Him, *"Christ, who is our life"*? *"The Lord Jesus Christ, who is our hope"*? Were we suddenly called to stand before God, should we be *"found in Him"*? [Colossians 3:4, Titus 2:3, Philippians 3:9]. It is not a question of notions or beliefs about Christ, but of living experience of Him, practical appropriation of the grace that He brings, practical quickening by the life that He is. Everything, therefore, turns upon your individually receiving Christ, upon your religious experience of Christ, linking your life to His life, rooting yourself in Him, as the branch is in the vine [Reader, do you find yourself believing on Christ by God's grace alone?]. Until you have this experience of Him you cannot, in the very nature of things, know how precious He is; how great, and gracious, and loving a Saviour He is; how *"plenteous"* His redemption, how freely He forgives the sinful, how gently He speaks to the penitent [*The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit*], how wisely He helps us in our struggles, how patiently He restores us in our falls, how tenderly He comforts us in our sorrows, how radiant with immortal hope He makes our mortal life.

[Reader] Do you, then, so trust in Christ? Have you so received His atonement? Have you any experimental understanding of the things concerning which I have spoken? Is Christ precious to you above all things else—above pleasure, and wealth, and sin, and friends, and life itself? Is He nearest you in thought and dearest in affection—the supreme good and joy of your life? And in your practical estimates of things, is that desired by you most eagerly which brings you the nearest to Him [the preaching of Christ, in our…conversation,…prayers,…hymns,…the local church, and His ordinances?] Does that which makes you know the most of Him attract and delight you most?

And if you are indeed His and know His love, it will be a good thing to try yourself often and ask, If such and such a comfort were taken away, could I stay myself upon His love? If I had none of these things, would He suffice? If He should say, "Keep all without me;" or, "Give up all and keep me alone, which should I [desire]?" If I had now to leave everything and sit at His feet, would this be happiness and joy to me? — Copied